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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EEC

SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING; VIET-NAM

1. NOEL DORR, IRISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR, AND HIS DEPUTY JOHN CAMP-  
BELL, BRIEFED US APRIL 10 ON DISCUSSIONS AT APRIL 8/9 MEETING OF EC  
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POLITICAL DIRECTORS. VIET-NAM SITUATION WAS ONE OF LEADING SUBJECTS

(OTHER TOPICS SEPTELS). CAMBODIA, DORR SAID, DID NOT ARISE AT ALL. PARTICIPANTS TOOK NO DECISIONS ON VIET-NAM BUT AGREED THAT THEY SHOULD CLOSELY WATCH FAST-CHANGING SITUATION. THE MAIN AREA OF INTEREST WAS HUMANITARIAN AID. IT WAS AGREED THAT EACH EC MEMBER SHOULD STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE OTHERS ON AMOUNTS THAT ARE BEING CONTRIBUTED AND CHANNELS THAT ARE BEING USED.

2. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ALSO ASKED EACH OTHER A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON THE INTENTIONS OF THE PRG: DOES IT INTEND TO TAKE OVER SAIGON QUICKLY? CAN IT DO SO? IF IT DOES, WILL IT THEN PRESS FOR NORTH/SOUTH UNITY? NO ONE CLAIMED TO HAVE GOOD ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS.

3. IN SOME EC COUNTRIES, THERE IS PRESSURE FROM LEFT-WING GROUPS IN PARLIAMENTS TO RECOGNIZE THE PRG. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS "ARE ABVIOUSLY INCREASING THIS PRESSURE." DORR MENTIONED DENMARK AND NETHERLANDS AS EXAMPLES. WHILE THE PROBLEM OF THE PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC OPINION WAS DISCUSSED, THE PARTICIPANTS DID NOT REACH ANY AGREED POSITION.

SOME EC COUNTRIES (NOT SPECIFIED) WILL, HOWEVER, BE IN CONTACT WITH THE PRG. DORR THOUGHT THAT THEY WOULD TAKE SOUNDINGS NOT ONLY ON THE RECOGNITION PROBLEM BUT ALSO ON THE QUESTION OF HUMANITARIAN AID. HE AGAIN STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE EC ITSELF HAD NOT TAKEN ANY POSITION ON THESE MATTERS. HE ASSUMED THAT, AS IN THE CASE OF OTHER SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION BY POLITICAL DIRECTORS, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING HERE IN DUBLIN THIS WEEKEND MAY HAVE SOME IDEAS OF THEIR OWN AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY TALK ABOUT THE

PROBLEM. THIS IS MERELY DORR'S COMMONSENSE ESTIMATE, AS THERE IS NO FORMAL AGENDA FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING AND IT IS TO BE RELAXED, WITH EVERY MINISTER WELCOME TO RAISE WHATEVER SUBJECTS HE SEES FIT.

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